



Cobb County has placed 74 warning sirens at strategic locations throughout the county to assist in reducing the potential for loss of life and property damage. This includes 10 “Big Voice” sirens that have the capability of broadcasting voice messages.

Many of Cobb County’s 650,000 residents live in audible distance of at least one of the warning sirens. Sirens may be located at fire stations, schools and other county-owned sites and can be activated as necessary.

Residents are encouraged to utilize weather radios to receive the most updated information on storms from the National Weather Service. Sirens are in place primarily to notify individuals who are outside prior to or during an imminent and dangerous weather event.

Communications Office 6/05



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Cobb County Warning Sirens



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What's That Noise?

When you hear one of the emergency warning sirens anywhere in Cobb County, you need to take immediate action. Cobb Emergency Management will sound these sirens for three to five minutes when:



- Hazardous material incidents occur that require evacuation or other action.

- The National Weather Service issues a severe thunderstorm warning with a tornado watch.
- The National Weather Service issues a tornado warning.
- A tornado has been spotted and reported by public safety officials.
- Additional weather warnings are issued.
- National security events occur.

Monthly Siren Testing

Sirens are tested at noon the first Wednesday of each month for 3 to 5 minutes, weather permitting. If weather is questionable on Wednesday, the test will occur on Thursday. If questionable on Thursday, the test will be canceled for the month.



The Fujita Scale of Tornado Intensity

INTENSITY	TYPE OF DAMAGE
40-72 mph (F0)	Damage to chimneys, sign boards; breaks tree branches; pushes over shallow-rooted trees.
73-112 mph (F1)	Overturn mobile homes or cars, peel surface of roofs; attached garages may be destroyed.
113-157 mph (F2)	Considerable damage to roofs; mobile homes demolished; large trees snapped or uprooted; light object missiles generated.
158-206 mph (F3)	Roof and some walls torn off well-constructed houses; trains overturned; most trees in forest uprooted.
207-260 mph (F4)	Well-constructed houses leveled; cars thrown and large missiles generated.
261-318 mph (F5)	Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and carried considerable distances to disintegrate; automobile-sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters; trees debarked; steel-reinforced concrete structures badly damaged.



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Cobb County...Expect the Best!

David Hankerson, *County Manager*

Safety Recommendations

- Tune to local Atlanta TV or Radio WSB TV2, WAGA TV5, WXIA TV11, WGCL TV46 or WSB Radio AM 750 for weather updates.
- Go immediately to your basement or safe area in your home if high winds, severe thunder and lightning are present.
- Carry a battery-operated radio and NOAA weather alert radio. You will know when the emergency has passed and when it is clear to leave your safe area.
- If, during a storm, you are outside in open areas away from possible shelter, lie flat on the ground away from trees until the storm passes. If in a vehicle, get out and find a more substantial structure.
- Do not rely or count on hearing a siren if you are in a low-lying area.
- Do not call 911 to ask why the sirens are sounding as this can overload the 911 emergency response system.
- Cobb's sirens do not specify the type of storm or emergency; therefore, you should tune into your local radio or television station for further information.

